



EDGE


Three hours of sleep, two tests and an extra shift at work is a recipe for stress. Find easy ways to relax on Page 6.

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Stand up comedy takes root at Pat's Blue Rib'n Barbecue. Read about the show on Page 8.



Sales tax increase effective today

By Hannah Loftus
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

In blazing summer heat, the city pool provides an excellent source of relief for the citizens of Manhattan.

However, this summer, residents were disappointed to find a closed sign on the door and the pool empty. Forced to go elsewhere to beat the heat, citizens waited patiently while city officials started work constructing a new pool. A sales tax passed in April will pay for the development.

The sales tax increase begins today and will run until Sept. 30, 2019.

According to the City Commission agenda dated May 2009, the proposal included a .25 percent sales tax increase for four quality of life projects. For residents of Manhattan, this means the addition of .25 percent to the current sales tax of 7.3 percent, for a total of 7.55 percent. The proposed projects include the reconstruction of the City Park pool, the reconstruction and renovation of both the Northview and CiCo pools, and adding an

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SGA

Bramlage contract to be reviewed

By Danny Davis
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Student Government Association plans to review a bill that will renew the Bramlage Coliseum Privilege fee. The Bramlage Repair and Replacement fee allocates a set budget for Bramlage to operate.

"It basically outlines the agreement between Bramlage and the SGA," said Mark Savoy, senator.

The agreement within the bill sets aside \$15,000 per year for the coliseum. Bramlage's contract with the SGA is not new. Contracts are reviewed each year and scheduled for renewal or termination every three years. The contract, if it passes, will be a continuance, meaning no changes will be made.

The Privilege Fee Committee oversees the fund and allocation of the money.

"[The money] comes from students," said Amy Schultz, speaker of the student senate. "The committee is set up to spend approximately 15 million dollars generated from privilege fees every semester."

Becki Ronen, Miss Kansas, will be commended for her achievement in the Miss Kansas competition. She was a K-State student majoring in trumpet performance.

The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday in the Big 12 conference room on the second floor of the K-State Student Union.



Underneath Hale Library, a broken steam pressure reducer has been waiting several years to be fixed, but because of insufficient funds it remains in disrepair. The pressure reducer is one of two on this steam pipe.

Falling apart

Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

Federal stimulus funds to address campus repairs



A 5-pound steam line running underneath the Quad has a small leak in need of repair. This type of steam line is used mostly to provide heat to buildings.

By Sheila Ellis
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State's campus is noted for its character and beauty with tree-lined walkways, historic limestone buildings and roaming squirrels.

"It's like a Hollywood set," former K-State president Jon Wefald told the Kansas City Star in 2006. "It looks nice on the outside, but we are falling apart."

Many of the deferred maintenance problems stem from general lack of funding over the past 20 years, including academic and research buildings with crumbling limestone, rotten roofs, rusted pipes and outdated electrical wiring.

Included in the long list of maintenance problems are the 80-year-old steam pipes located on the southwest corner of campus.

The leaky pipes heat Durland, Fiedler, Rathbone and Seaton halls, Ahearn Field House, the Natatorium, the K-State Student Union and the offices and classrooms in East and West Stadium.

For the fiscal year 2009, K-State received \$2.3 million in Federal Stimulus funds, awarded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, to support infrastructure projects. The first project to bid

will be the steam pipes.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, also known as the stimulus bill, included about \$21.5 billion for federal research and development.

The project will replace piping that stretches from the power plant to the K-State Student Union and Memorial Stadium. The project could start as early as spring 2010.

"The steam lines can collapse at any time," said Abe Fattaey, K-State director of facilities planning and university architect. "We have been wanting to repair these for many years."

If the pipes were to collapse they could have a huge effect on campus, including interruption of programs at the union, research and classes.

The steam pipes serve a vital role in daily campus operations. Without the steam they provide, buildings could freeze up in the winter, and that could cause floods, water damage and mold.

Fattaey said the steam pipes project was top priority for federal stimulus dollars because of its urgency and potential to save the university money.

The current heating system is not ener-

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K-State searches for VP for marketing, communications

By Hannah Loftus
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

When President Kirk Schulz took over as president of K-State, there were several obvious changes, one of which is the addition of a new cabinet position in the president's office.

Schulz plans to add a vice president for marketing and communications, which is an effort to accomplish an ongoing goal: to work with the university community to help K-State move toward greater national prominence in teaching, scholarship and engagement.

"This new position will be thinking 24/7 about how we can get the message out to lots of people and groups. It must be strategic, focused, coordinated and measured," said Pat Bosco, dean of student life. "Everybody must be on the same page."

Bosco said he has been asking for this position for a long time. He believes that this new position has the potential of saving money and making money for K-State.

"This is a long time in coming, and I applaud President Schulz for moving us in the right direction," Bosco said.

Ruth Dyer, interim provost, said the position is very important to coordinate the message ad-

ministrators wish to share with all of the constituents and K-State family.

Schulz said K-Staters need to show their pride and need to be sure that they are sharing those successes in as many ways as possible with a local, statewide, national and international audience.

"As we look toward the future, it is important that we send forward a consistent message about Kansas State University," Schulz said. "This includes having a similar look and feel to our publicity materials, Web sites and message to the outside world."

The search for the new position is led by the dean of the college of human ecology, Virginia Moxley. The search is just starting, however.

"The search committee just met for the first time on Friday," Moxley said. "We should have a position description finalized soon and available for release to the public."

Because Moxley is the dean of the college of human ecology, it is her responsibility to chair the committee for the search. Committee members include Pat Bosco, Steve Smethers and Fred Fairchild as well as others.

Most universities have these positions, and to adhere to the structure of other universities, K-State has decided to add the position,

Moxley said. Not much information is being released to the general public about the position and its new responsibilities; however, applications should be submitted by Nov. 1 to begin the screening process.

"K-State is under-ranked nationally, not because we don't have great students, wonderful faculty and staff and lots of achievements – but more so because we don't do an effective job at marketing our successes," Schulz said. "K-State is doing a full national search to identify an exceptional individual to serve in the position."

"Dr. Wefald spoke often of our successes with our pre-eminent scholarship programs such as the Truman, Udall, Rhodes, etc. But how many people outside the K-State family know of these types of successes?"

Schulz also said that there is never a great time to add a new position, but he felt he should go ahead and add the new position.

"As K-State looks at cost savings opportunities and possible restructuring of some central administrative units, I felt we had to go ahead and add the position to help us make the best decisions possible about marketing and branding," Schulz said.

Schulz hopes to have the position up and running full time by Jan. 1, 2010.



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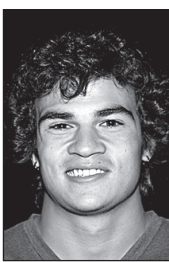
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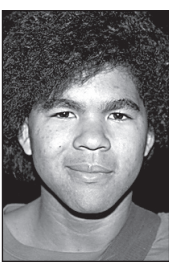
Q: What on campus needs the most repair?




Devin Brown
Sophomore, architecture



Emilee Taylor
Freshman, biology



Malcolm Dofat
Freshman, computer programing



Sara Wenger
Junior, music education

“ Seaton Hall; there is a lot of stuff in there that's kind of beat up and getting out of shape. ”

“ The Willard Hall women's bathroom because they creak and the doors don't totally shut. ”

“ I haven't seen anything that's broken down or busted, so I guess we're all cool. ”

“ The elevators in Moore Hall, because they don't work. ”

THE PLANNER

CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

International Student Volunteers will be sponsoring informational meetings every hour on the hour from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday in the Purple Pride Conference Room in the K-State Alumni Center for those students interested in the program. More information on the program can be found at ivsonline.org.

Lafene Health Center has flu vaccinations available for students, faculty and staff age 18 and over. H1N1 vaccines are not expected until mid to late October. See Lafene's Web site for updates and more info. No appointment necessary; walk-ins allowed today. Check in at the front desk.

Intramural entries will be accepted today through Oct. 8 for intramural wrestling and student golf in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. The wrestling meet will be held Oct. 12-15, and student golf will take place at Stagg Hill Golf Course. Tee times will be issued when you sign up in the administrative office. To download entry forms and obtain more information, visit recservices.k-state.edu/intramurals/intramuralsactivitiesevents.htm.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Yvonne Amanor-Boadu at 2 p.m. today at Campus Creek Complex room 214. The thesis topic is "A Comparison of Immigrant and Non-Immigrant Women's Decision Making in Abusive Relationships."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Elliot Stevens at 9:30 a.m. on Friday in Mosier Hall N202. The thesis topic is "The Persistently Infected Bovine Viral Diarrhea Virus Individual: Prevalence, Viral Survival and Impact Within Commercial Feeding Systems."

The K-State subunit of the American Fisheries Society is sponsoring its Annual Flathead Catfish sampling at the Tuttle Creek River Pond on Friday. All are welcome to attend, and free food and drink will be provided. For more information contact Michael Proffer at michaelp@ksu.edu or visit ksu.edu/ksuafs.

The K-State Challenge Course is offering a High Ropes Challenge opportunity from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Experience for yourself the thrill of the power

pole, heebie jeebie, flying squirrel and giant swing. Sign up in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex by 1 p.m. on Friday. This event is for K-State students, faculty and staff and the general public. For more information and fees, go online to recservices.k-state.edu or call 785-532-6980.

K-State Military Veterans has a meeting at 5 p.m. on Tuesday in Forum Hall of the K-State Student Union. The meeting will focus on the transition from the Montgomery GI Bill to the Post 9/11 GI Bill.

The K-State subunit of the American Fisheries Society will be having its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday in Ackert Hall 324. All are welcome to attend. For more information contact Michael Proffer at michaelp@ksu.edu or visit ksu.edu/ksuafs.

The K-State Blood Drive will take place Oct. 6-9. The drive will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 6-8 and from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 9 in the K-State Student Union. People can also come to Putnam Hall from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Oct. 6-8. Everyone who comes to donate will receive a K-State blood donor T-shirt.

Rec Services will sponsor Extreme Fitness, a free workshop at Peters Recreation Complex, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 10. The workshop is for individuals looking for a full-body workout challenge and is limited to 24 participants. The session is not for beginners, but for those capable of doing high-intensity movements. Sign up in the administrative office or call 785-532-6980.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Judy Dreeszen at 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 14 in Bluemont Hall 257. The thesis topic is "The Impact of Differentiation on the Critical Thinking of Gifted Readers and the Evolving Perspective of the Fifth Grade Classroom Teacher."

The Planner is the Collegian's bulletin board service. To place an item in the Planner, stop by Kedzie 116 and fill out a form or e-mail news editor Sarah Rajewski at news@spub.ksu.edu by 11 a.m. two days before it is to run. Some items might not appear because of space constraints but are guaranteed to appear on the day of the activity.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

There was an error in the Sept. 30 issue of the Collegian. Haley Tieben was not actually pictured in the photo that ran with the story about the text messaging scholarship. The Collegian regrets the error. There was an unclear headline in the Sept. 30 issue of the Collegian. A headline on the front page read, "Nap time nightmare: Sleeping in Hale can lead to theft of belongings." However, the article explains that theft has not been a major problem for students who sleep in the library. The Collegian regrets the error. If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Sarah Rajewski at 785-532-6556 or e-mail news@spub.ksu.edu.

DAILY BLOTTER



To view the daily arrest report from the Riley County Police Department, go to the Collegian Web site, kstatecollegian.com.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY

Check out **Page 4** for an editorial about new tobacco legislation.

Do you think the FDA should be allowed to ban flavored tobacco?

A) Yes B) No To submit your answer, visit kstatecollegian.com. Results for the question of the day will be posted in the following issue of the Collegian.

Wednesday's results: How many text messages do you send each day?

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Human Ecology dean proves a visionary leader

Virginia Moxley, dean of the College of Human Ecology, is seen as a visionary by her colleagues while she pursues her goals for her college.



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By Tyler Sharp
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A mix of strategy and evolution has characterized Virginia Moxley's life. The dean of the College of Human Ecology credits the strategy to events early in her life. "As a kid, I was the middle child with two brothers," she said. "My older brother was always stronger, and my younger brother was always faster, so my only choice was to be strategic. I couldn't outrun them, and I couldn't outfight them."

DEFINING HERSELF

In high school, Moxley identified many scholastic interests, but found she enjoyed applied sciences the most. As a result, she graduated from K-State with a bachelor's degree in textile sciences. Finding the demand for textile scientists in Kansas to be minimal, she chose to evolve. Moxley began to work toward a master's degree in K-State's present-day marriage and family therapy program. After her husband was deployed to Korea for the Vietnam War, she accepted a job as an assistant to the dean of the College of Human Ecology here. Discovering much of the work she was asked to do did not require a master's degree, she became wary. "Up to that point everything had worked for me, and suddenly I found myself in a job I'm just not well-suited for," she said. Her next job was with a research team through the college. That experience led her to evolve further. "We were doing interviews all over the state with families with mentally ill children," Moxley said. "It was research that was useful and revealing and challenging, good work when you are young and starting out. So that was a nice turn to start to become a scholar." Her experience with the research team led Moxley into a doctoral program while serving as chair of the department of home economics at Emporia State University. After serving 10 years as chair of the department, Moxley chaired the Division of Family Science, Sociology and Anthropology from 1983 to 1985 at ESU. Then in 1985, Moxley returned to her alma mater.

TIME FOR ACTION

In 1990, while serving as associate dean of the college, Moxley's strategy came into play once again. She said during a budget crisis similar to today's, the university was engaged in a planning process, and a proposal surfaced calling for the College of Human Ecology to be eliminated. "It apparently grew out of a smoke-filled room some place," she said. "It was not developed through any systematic planning

process you'd think you might employ at the university." Moxley never saw the plan in writing and after the announcement, the outcry from alumni of the college began. The alumni felt victimized, and the alumni mobilization grew quickly. "I am told the president's office turned off its fax machine to stop the influx of messages from alumni — angry alumni, who were for the most part far better informed about what the college does and means to the state than it appeared the people announcing the plan were," she said. The plan was withdrawn in less than a week. All the while, Moxley had played her role. "My goal was to stay behind the scenes and provide information for anyone who asked it and to be strategic," she said.

A NEW IDEA

After the events of 1990, Moxley continued evolving, serving as an interim department head on several occasions while serving as associate dean. About 1994, her strategic planning came into the fray yet again. "The associate dean at the University of Nebraska called several of us together and said, 'We're going to teach a master's degree at a distance, and we want to convene a group to see if you have students you can send us or courses you can offer,'" she said. "15 years ago, the Internet didn't reach to rural areas of states in the Great Plains area." After deciding to collaborate rather than compete, the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance began evolving. The U.S. Department of Education awarded the program \$1 million to get the online distance education model off the ground. Today, the program allows a student to enroll in a master's program in any of the human sciences and to take classes from faculty from any of the eight member schools, which include K-State, Iowa State, Missouri and Nebraska. Moxley said being a part of this program is rewarding. "Most of these individuals have great careers now; they are taking this to build an edge and take on to the next step," she said. "It certainly makes faculty happy. Teaching this kind of student is a real pleasure."

NEW HEIGHTS FOR THE COLLEGE

While the College of Human Ecology is growing, it is suffering through budget cuts, like the other colleges. "There's pain with it, there's just no question," she said. "We have been very strategic here, and to the extent possible we've been very careful about what we value, and to the extent possible we are protecting our academic programs so our students graduate on time."

Eric Church at Wareham

By Frank Male
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Country music star Eric Church is performing at the Wareham Opera House tonight. Coming off of his first Top Ten country single, "Love Your Love the Most," Church is considered a rising star in the Nashville music establishment. The North Carolina native has had three Top Twenty singles from his first album, "Sinners Like Me," and expectations are high for the singles off of his sophomore album "Carolina." This marks the Kathouse Lounge's biggest act since Pat Green this summer, and arguably the most publicized. "That's really at the core of what Kathouse is trying to do," said Kathouse bartender Scott Saathoff. "We're trying to make Manhattan more legitimate in the music market, and not just for country acts." Doors will open for the performance at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased on site.

Purple Masque season opener

By Michael Shoemaker
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Tonight, the Purple Masque Theatre will hold the opening of "As Bees in Honey Drown," a show about a young writer, Evan Wyler, who has recently published his first novel and is looking to get rich quick off it. The play follows Wyler as he seeks success with little to no knowledge of the perils that fame brings. "We have such an amazing cast," said Andrew Winter, freshman in theater, who plays Evan. "People should come see it because it is a very unique show, and it has many different symbols that can be interpreted in a multitude of ways." The show opens at 7:30 p.m. and will be shown through Oct. 3. Tickets are \$4 for students and children and \$7 for the general public. Tickets can be purchased at the McCain Auditorium box office and at the K-State Student Union's Little Theater box office, or by calling 785-532-6428.

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Fruitless legislation

FDA regulations harmful to nation

For the entirety of its existence, the two-party American system has been lauded for creating a political balance and also denounced for its inefficiency. Usually the theory goes, any bipartisan legislation will be non-controversial and helpful to American citizens. However, there are many bipartisan laws that are more politically self-serving than helpful.

A prime example of this is the new tobacco law which places heavy and possibly unconstitutional Food and Drug Administration regulations on the tobacco industry. Its primary goal is to prevent youths from taking their first drag.

At first glance this seems like a noble effort by lawmakers, but beneath the political smoke there is a whirlwind of ineffectiveness included in it. Nonetheless, we still hear politicians bragging to constituents that they said “no” to big tobacco companies – hardly is that the case.

Though this claim may seem absurd, I’d rather see a brawling Congress produce a bill, than a falsely compliant one.

The premise of the bill is fairly simple. According to the Wall Street Journal, the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act basically stipulates that candy and fruit-flavored cigarettes are illegal. It also creates a committee within the FDA which will regulate marketing and advertisements for the tobacco industry, which includes more health warnings, blander labels, etc.

It passed the Senate in June by an overwhelming margin of 79-17 and recently went into effect. This marks a frightening trend in government intervention. By justifying this intrusion as shielding the naïve youths, lawmakers have set a startling precedent.

Is tobacco extremely harmful? Absolutely, but alcohol, skiing and driving a car can be harmful also. At what industry does this intrusion stop? Also, by putting such stringent restrictions on advertisements, it gives deferential treatment to Philip Morris U.S.A., the largest cigarette supplier, while smaller companies are floundering to compete without creative advertising.

Another unsettling aspect of this law is the power it gives the FDA. According to a New York Times article, the FDA has recently admitted to being “unduly influenced” by four politicians in a decision to approve a knee pad designed by their campaign fund-contributing cor-



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Politicians playing politics in a federal bureaucracy? Shocking. Reportedly, these politicians had received financial contributions from the company producing the pad.

Naturally, these politicians have admitted no wrongdoing, and the case is being revisited.

If something as miniscule as a knee support can garner political pressure, somehow I think an FDA committee that regulates the colossal tobacco industry might be tempted to succumb to pressure by politicians, not to mention tobacco interest groups. I realize that it’s in vogue for every private industry to be accompanied by a sister government regulator.

Apparently, Congress believed the tobacco industry was left out.

Don’t get me wrong. I understand how dangerous tobacco is. Personally, I think chewing tobacco is utterly repulsive. I also believe smoking is an archaic habit which relies on the posh coffee

shop smoker and the coked out rock star to perpetuate its popularity. Therefore, these practices should wilt away naturally.

Personal responsibility shouldn’t be replaced with government regulations.

Apart from being fraught with deficiencies, this law seems too idealistic. Even if tobacco is outlawed completely, won’t teenagers always feel the need to smoke?

Still, Washington and the FDA have praised themselves for accomplishing this landmark legislation. They have cited tobacco statistics ad nauseam in its defense. Yet, at what Constitutional costs do these superficial triumphs come? It seems to me the political means outweigh the noble, but unattainable ends.

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K-State offers sporting opportunities besides football, basketball

We at K-State pride ourselves on the successes of our athletics teams – we celebrate when they win, and we commiserate when they lose. We cheer for them, and we criticize them (in the most loving way possible, of course).

However, we often focus our attentions and adoration on only the two marquee sports: football and basketball. In the furor of football season we tend to forget that volleyball, golf, cross country, tennis, rowing and equestrian teams are also in season. We tend to forget that our most successful teams are often our most ignored.

Last year our football team ended a less-than-impressive season with a 5-7 record. Men’s basketball did better, but still failed to deliver in the postseason.

Meanwhile, track and field had their best finish in the NCAA tournament in a decade, and Scott Sellers won another national championship in the high jump. Women’s cross country came home with a sixth



JESSICA HENSLEY

place finish in the Big 12 Championships last year, the equestrian team finished fifth nationally and both men’s and women’s golf brought home a fourth place finish in their own Big 12 Conference tournaments. The Wildcat Nation has a lot to be proud of, though you may not know it.

It is a thrilling experience, cheering for one’s team, no matter the sport. And it is a thrilling experience, as a student-athlete, to know that your peers are behind you.

Sports, besides football and basketball, have a lot to offer to spectators, besides plenty of excuses to celebrate.

We are here at K-State to learn and to broaden our horizons in all aspects of life, and we should take advantage of the opportunities presented. Why don’t you attend the equestrian season opener vs. TCU tomorrow? If horses aren’t your thing, you can cheer on the volleyball team as they take on the University of Texas.

You might learn something while you’re there, and if nothing else, it’s a great excuse to start the tailgating early before you make the trek to Arrowhead Stadium

for the Iowa State game.

Where were you when Sarah Weller won a national championship in reining with the equestrian team? Do you know how Scott Sellers did at the last Olympic trials?

We are lucky enough to be home to some of the best athletes in the world – athletes you will one day see in the Olympics and on television. Don’t you want to be able to say “I was there when ...”?

Students at K-State should make it a point to attend a sporting event to cheer on the athletes of those less lauded sports at least once in their tenure here at our university. It is a horizon-broadening experience, as well as an excuse to continue to tailgate well beyond the end of football season. Besides, who doesn’t want to see the Jayhawks humiliated in every sporting arena possible?

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THE FOURUM

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I’ve been going to the same school for seven years. In no way is that depressing.

If you can’t park between the lines, you deserve to be door dinged. Just saying.

How about a K-State sporting team actually accomplishes something before people start talking smack?

What’s KU’s record and what’s K-State’s record? Yeah, that’s what I thought.

Hey Corene Brisendine, don’t blame not going out on weekends on drunk drivers because no one wants to hang out with you.

If I have to listen to another Australian before class, I may just kill someone.

Would you please stop licking my hookah? Thank you.

Alex. Iron. Lamp.

So, my best friend just got a sex pack from her ex and it wasn’t meant for her. I think it’s time for a Corona.

I was just wondering when Han Solo crossed to the dark side.

Beth, seriously, you need to watch the “Lion King.” It’s called the circle of life for a reason. If chickens were so smart, we’d say that everything tastes like human.

And that’s when I told her I had syphilis.

It’s my money and I want it now!

Full gray sweats, slouched in your seat, blasting your iPod, wearing a Tasmanian Devil hat: Pretty gangsta.

I thought the date rape drug at K-State was Natty Lite.

Dear readers of the Fourum, if none of your roommates like you at the end of the lease, can they kick you out of the house?

So, my roommate and I are eating breakfast and reading the newspaper, and we decided that reading about date rape is a much better use of our time than reading Beth Mendenhall’s article. Just saying.

You’re ruining all the foods I enjoy, Beth.

I’m so pro.

If there was an anti-agriculture major, I think Beth Mendenhall might be all over that.

I’m having eggs and chicken for breakfast. Pretty tasty.

I wish people would learn the Greek alphabet. “K” is kappa, not chi.

Will the new security officers in Hale Library be able to help me with trigonometry?

Note to self: Do not take Benadryl, or you will be raped.

Dear Kramer, I’m going to keep stealing all of your orange plates one by one until you start offering fresh food for breakfast.

Ah, there’s nothing like a big lung-full of second-hand smoke to start the morning.

To the guy who’s bike I stole from behind Seaton: Leave the case of beer, then we’ll talk.

Hey Fourum, who invented toilet paper and the concept of wiping?

Dear Beth Mendenhall, that Egg

McMuffin sandwich I had this morning: Delicious.

Boombox kid, you rock my world.

Hey Beth, omelets are amazing.

So, I went to the bathroom today and there was pee on the toilet seat somehow. I just wanted to ask the ladies if they pee on the toilet seat, please clean it up before you leave the stall. Thanks.

Hey, thanks for the trash can, but next time I’m throwing the confetti in your face instead of in the book bag where it ended up. Thanks, Biology Girl.

Crazy Beth is still talking crazy. Now she thinks Egg McMuffins are good.

From what I’ve seen, if you date a girl for more than a month, chances are you better buy a ring or end it fast, because they want marriage.

At the MCC orientation I went through, they said there’s a very good chance you’ll meet your wife there.

Oh! Piece of candy!

Morfy Morf just told me he will never reveal his secret to success.

Beth Mendenahall’s my kind of woman: smart, confident ... not.

To the four girls talking about how much they hate Beth Mendenhall: Do you want to get married?

So I came home the other night and my roommate had built a fortress. We’re not really sure what she’s doing behind that sheet.

Umm, so, I have the best laugh in the whole entire world.

Beth Mendenhall, in reading about your last article, I was surprised to find that you cared about the male chicken.

I think my suite-mate is in love with the Twilight guy.

I love me some Egg McMuffin.

Tim Hadachek’s a badass. Screw Michael Moore.

I had three types of chicken in my lunch today, and then eggs in my rice. Take that Beth.

Yeah, I just saw a girl speed walking to class. Did anyone else see that?

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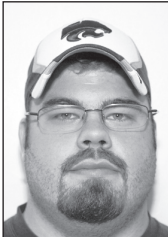
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Defense deserves credit for improvement

If there is one thing to really hit on this fall for K-State football, it would have to be the return of a defense to Snyder Family Stadium. Having the ability to stop another team from working its way down the field not only keeps the score even, but gives your offense time to score. Without key playmakers like Ian Campbell to get things done this year, the defense is not singularly eye-catching as it was the past few years, but it has put up some impressive numbers.



AARON WEISER

Last year, K-State finished the season ranked 117th in defense out of 119 teams, according to the NCAA. Allowing just over 479 yards per game on average to the opponents, the team was the joke of college football and just barely scraped by ahead of North Texas, who took last with three and a half yards more per game allowed.

In four games this season, the defense has had to step up and prove itself time and time again. Allowing only 241.25 yards per game thus far, K-State ranks 10th nationally behind powerhouses like Penn State, USC, Florida, Oklahoma and Alabama.

In accordance with this statistically impressive difference, however, is the fact that K-State leads the nation in time of possession. The ground game on offense keeps the clock churning, but if the defense can't get the other team off the field, K-State won't get many chances.

Placing ahead of Texas, UCLA and Ohio State, K-State appears to have a very solid defensive game, but why isn't anyone talking about that? Why are we so focused on the offense all the time?

K-State is lacking the big playmaker. Without the glitz and glory, the defense gets the shaft when it comes to the public attention. Brandon Banks, Daniel Thomas and a lackluster field goal unit have kept the attention all year as the defense continues to deserve the credit.

Sure, there are a few gaps. There is a very minimal pass rush and most of the tackles seem to come from the secondary, but the facts are that the defense is showing up on a weekly basis and getting the job done.

If there is one thing that will be important in the Big 12 Conference, it is keeping the ground game stymied. By disallowing the offensive units and running backs to keep the flow moving in their direction, the defense runs the game.

Snyder, being the great coach that he is, knows this all too well. He has commented on his focus for the defense continually throughout the season. Progress continues as the season roars on, but what is to come will be the best. With each week, the team improves, and with each week, it seems the competition stiffens.

Football season is building up and I have to say, I'm most excited. Even if the best game of the season doesn't come until the end, the continuance of building the team into a well-rounded unit has fans excited.

With a running game back on track and the defense to back them up, K-State looks like a team of old, a Big 12 contender like we watched as children on the television. Above and beyond the "spread it out and throw the ball down the field" mentality that we've seen so much of in the past three years all across the Big 12, we are back to pounding the ball and playing smash-mouth football. Put the nose to the grindstone, get fired up and knock somebody's lights out. It's football time this weekend, and you better believe Iowa State had better be ready for this Wildcat team.

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West Coast Wildcat
Off the court with Vanessa Murray

By Grant Guggisberg
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Outside hitter Vanessa Murray is in her first Big 12 season after transferring from Pierce College in Los Angeles. She recently sat down with the Collegian to discuss a variety of topics.

Q: What made you want to come to K-State?

A: "Being from California, I've always watched Pac-10. I've seen UCLA and USC play against Texas and K-State, and I've always wanted to play at a high level. When Suzie [Fritz] came to California and talked to me about it, it was automatic. I knew K-State was the place for me. It's where I knew I would fit as a player."

Q: What are some of your goals as an individual and a team?

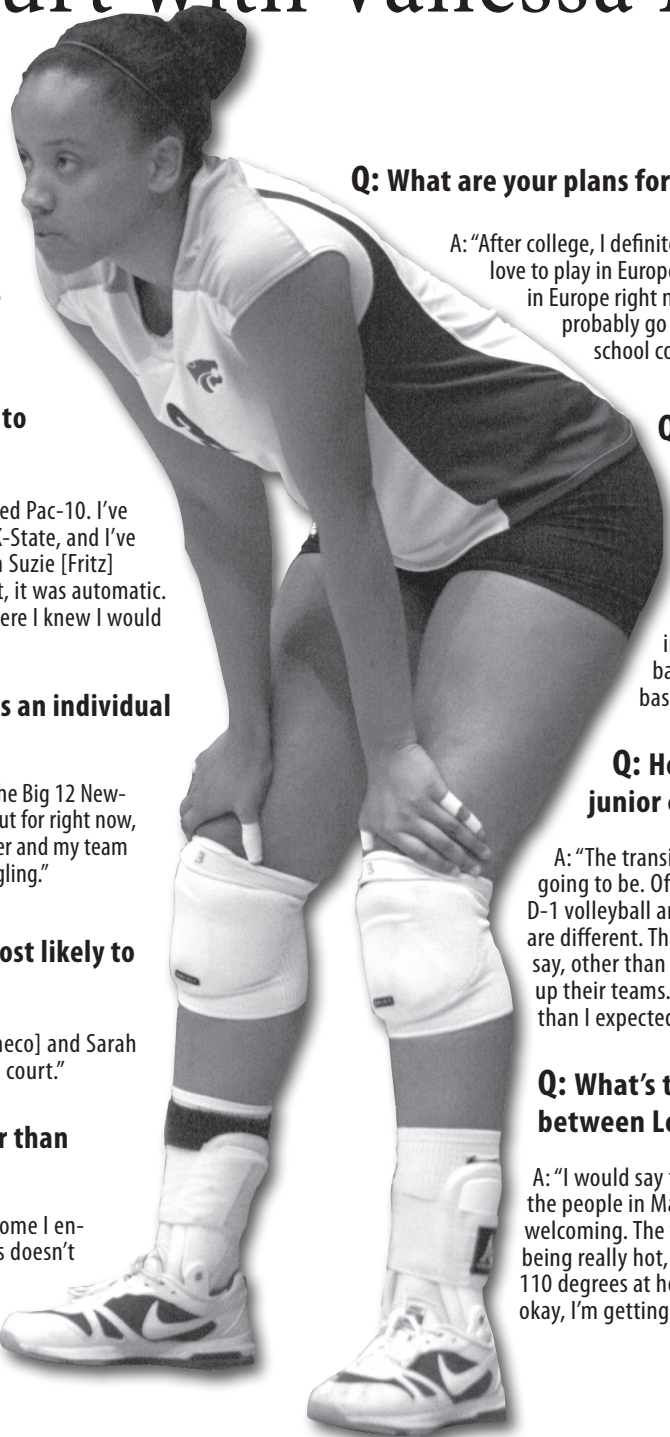
A: "As an individual, I would love to become the Big 12 Newcomer of the Year. That would be awesome. But for right now, my goal as an individual is to get myself better and my team better, because right now we're kind of struggling."

Q: Which teammate(s) are you most likely to hang out with off the court?

A: "I have two. My roommate Soriana [Pacheco] and Sarah [Allison]. Those are my two buddies off the court."

Q: Do you have any hobbies other than volleyball?

A: "Well, I can't really do it here, but back home I enjoyed going to the beach. Obviously, Kansas doesn't have any beaches. I like listening to music, hanging out with my friends and sleep. I love sleep."



Q: What are your plans for after college?

A: "After college, I definitely want to continue playing. I would love to play in Europe and follow my sister. My sister plays in Europe right now. When I'm done playing volleyball, probably go back home and be a teacher or a high school coach at my old high school."

Q: What's your favorite sport other than volleyball?

A: "I would have to say basketball. I did play basketball for 12 years and it was the first sport I played before I started playing volleyball. Everyone in my family plays, and my dad is a basketball coach, so it would have to be basketball."

Q: How was the transition from junior college to K-State?

A: "The transition wasn't as hard as I thought it was going to be. Of course, I had to learn a new system. D-1 volleyball and California junior college volleyball are different. That was a little bit harder, but I would say, other than that, learning the way the coaches set up their teams. I found the transition to be a lot better than I expected it to be."

Q: What's the biggest difference between Los Angeles and Manhattan?

A: "I would say the weather and the people. I find the people in Manhattan are awesome. They are very welcoming. The weather — I am used to the weather being really hot, and here it's kind of cold. Right now it's 110 degrees at home, and like 60 degrees today. But it's okay, I'm getting used to it."

Ramos dedicates herself to team, improvement

By Danny Davis
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Beverly Ramos, one of the women's cross country team's two seniors, is the team's premier runner. Her career began in Puerto Rico where she went to the University of Puerto Rico and competed internationally.

However, Ramos wanted to come to a university in the United States.

"There are great opportunities in the U.S.," said Ramos, a senior in physical science. She also said she wants to develop better English skills to help her in the future and aims to go to pharmaceutical school with a master's degree.

The resources in the United States are also better suited to help athletes.

"[Puerto Rico] doesn't have too much budget," Ramos said. "There's more money that can support athletes [in the United States]"

Lysaira del Valle, former K-State teammate, was also from Puerto Rico and after talking with del Valle, Ramos became interested in K-State.

Coach Michael Smith noticed her abilities long before she was interested in K-State.

"I saw her run when she was 15 in Canada," Smith said. "We watched her from afar."

Since coming to K-State, Ramos has proven to be a valuable asset to the team. She began her cross country career as a Wildcat by winning her first competition during the 2007 season. She also came in 29th in the Big 12 Championship run that year and placed 16th at the Midwest Regional Championship.

Ramos has strong expectations for this season. "I have expectations — November expectations," she said. Her goal is qualify for the NCAA tournament.

While she hopes to perform well individually, she devotes herself to the team. Ramos strives to set an example for new runners.

"Just trying to do my best, it teaches everybody and they see that it takes time," Ramos said of her contribution to the team.



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Beverly Ramos, runs in the K-State vs. Kansas dual in September, 2007. Ramos won the 5-kilometer race. Now a senior, Ramos said she hopes to qualify for the NCAA tournament this year.

Her teammates admire her for her dedication.

"She's an incredibly good teammate, really focused," said Boglarka Bozzay, sophomore runner. "She's the heart of the team I think."

Smith said her team-first attitude is an endearing quality.

"The most telling thing is that what she wants more than anything else is for her team to do well," he said.

While at K-State, Ramos has become a stronger athlete.

"She's matured physically, emotionally, and her work capacity has increased," Smith said of her development. "Let's face it: she's a gem."

The cross country team will compete Satur-

day at the South Dakota Invitational. Competition there is expected to be tougher than previous competitions this year.

The team is hoping to use the meet as a gauge for their skill level.

"I want to find out how good we are," Smith said. Last meet, Ramos took home the title for the 5K run.

Smith said Ramos will be greatly missed by the team next year.

"The total Ramos package will be very difficult to replace," he said. "But that's the nature of [cross country]"

For Ramos's last year, Smith hopes she achieves her goals, one of which is to become an All-American athlete.

SPORTS BRIEFS

INDIANS FIRE MANAGER WITH SIX GAMES REMAINING

Eric Wedge was fired Wednesday as manager of the Cleveland Indians, who are in the final days of a terrible season that began with high hopes.

Despite being told he would not be back next season, Wedge will manage the last six games of his seventh year with Cleveland, which entered Wednesday's doubleheader against the Chicago White Sox one game out of last place in the AL Central.

General manager Mark Shapiro said he and owners Larry and Paul Dolan came to a collective decision on Wedge's future "fairly recently" and that Cleveland's coaches were told Tuesday night that they would not be retained for the 2010 season. Wedge is under contract for 2010.

Wedge's firing had been rumored for weeks, and although him still being around makes for an awkward situation, he's glad to have some resolution.



Wedge

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VICK AGREES TO NEW ENDORSEMENT DEAL WITH NIKE

Michael Vick is back with Nike two years after the company severed ties over the quarterback's involvement in a dogfighting ring.

"Mike has a long-standing, great relationship with Nike, and he looks forward to continuing that relationship," his agent, Joel Segal, said Wednesday.

Segal would not reveal terms of the agreement. Nike declined a request



Vick

FAN POLL

The Collegian would like to invite readers to join staff members and university President Kirk Schulz in our weekly college football pick competition. Pick the winners of each week's games at Kstatecollegian.com. This week's featured games are:

- A. No. 22 Michigan at Michigan State
- B. No. 4 LSU at No. 18 Georgia
- C. Texas A&M vs. Arkansas*
- D. No. 7 USC at No. 24 California
- E. No. 8 Oklahoma at No. 17 Miami
- F. K-State at Iowa State*

*Denotes game at neutral location

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Banks have perks for students

Melissa Short
K-STATE COLLEGIAN

College is often the time when parents cut financial ties with their children. This can be a scary prospect for students who have never experienced that kind of independence. Banks can help with this transition and will often throw in perks for students who have accounts with them.

UMB Bank, which has locations throughout Kansas, has a deal for students who love to tailgate. They give out free expandable coolers to everyone who opens a free checking account. UMB also gives people the chance for something a little out of most students' price range.

"Anyone who applies for a credit card from us can enter their name in a drawing for the chance to win a 32-inch HDTV," said Rod Kalivoda, banking center manager at UMB.

UMB will soon be one of the first banks to offer personalized pictures on debit cards, a service usually limited to credit cards.

UMB is not the only bank in town with perks. Landmark Bank gives out free roadside emergency bags to customers who refer a friend to them. Each bag has jumper cables, a flashlight and other tools in case your car breaks down.

Many other banks also have special offers for referring friends.

"When you refer a friend and they open a new checking account, we will credit both of your accounts with \$25," said Jess Gronquist, teller at Sunflower Bank.

If the friend signs up for other services, such as a CD (accounts created to have higher interest rates; they usually have both a minimum account balance and a minimum amount of time money must remain in the account) or debit card, both people also get a money credit. The rewards can be up to \$100 for each person. Sunflower Bank also offers the Wildcat CD. Every time the Wildcats win a game, earn a bowl bid, or win a bowl, the interest rate jumps by 10 basis points. This means that every Wildcat win ups the interest by .1 percent.

Intrust Bank also has a deal for referring a friend where each person gets a \$25 credit to their account. Intrust is also the only bank in Manhattan licensed to use the Powercat symbol, so die-hard fans who want to show their pride can display the K-State symbol on their debit and credit cards.

K-State Federal Credit Union also has a reward for fans who show their spirit.

"Anyone who is a member of Wildcats Forever gets a \$25 credit on their existing account or when they open a new account. All they have to do is bring in their membership card," said Angie Reed, business and marketing manager at K-State Federal Credit Union.

Vision Bank, based in Topeka, has a program perfect for students called VisionTunes.

"When you open an account with us we give you \$10 on iTunes. Every month after that, if you have internet banking and use your debit card 15 times per month, we give you five more dollars," said Gary Yager, owner of Vision Bank. Yager says those who are interested but aren't from Topeka don't need to worry.

"You don't even need to live near a location to bank at Vision. Everything from deposits to bill pay can be done online," said Yager.

Banks can be an intimidating place for young people but are often willing to reward students for their business.

THE EDGE

Stressed out? Several key tips make relaxation possible

By Hannah Loftus
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

School, work, eat, sleep, repeat. No wonder college kids today are facing an inevitable truckload of stress.

Throw in an irregular sleeping schedule and a poor diet, and you have a recipe for disaster and mental breakdowns. According to U.S. News and World Report, researchers surveyed 824 college students enrolled in psychology classes

about their sleep habits and daily functioning. Result: The better performers were not the ones who stayed up until the wee hours and slept till afternoon.

Stress levels in college are high, but if managed properly, college can be a joyful experience.

"I think that there is a lot of pressure on college kids these days," said Taylor Harrison, sophomore in business. "There are no real ways to beat stress levels. You really just have to find a way to manage it that works for you.

I never get enough sleep, and I feel like I am always playing catch up, but I assume it's like that for everyone."

All college students, but especially freshmen, are prone to stress because of the transition to life on campus. So what are some outlets that students use to manage their stress levels?

"I really look forward to my weekends. That's when I thrive and get everything done," Harrison said. "I get so stressed out and so tired that the weekends provide me with an escape. I think that is why Aggieville is so popular these days. Kids need a release for all that built-up pressure and stress."

Besides drinking, what are some other ways that students can cope with the daunting amount of stress that builds up over the course of the week?

There are a number of ways to relieve the amount of stress through hobbies and small exercises: aromatherapy, breathing, exercises and even sex.

Aromatherapy is a good way to sooth frayed nerves because certain oils and smells stimulate the immune system. According to *24Medica.com*, many aromas are recognized for their stress-reducing effects and can help with focus, concentration, relaxation, rejuvenation, enhancing moods and improving productivity.

It might sound simple, but the act of taking several slow deep focused breaths can provide an immediate source of focus and relief. It is easy to do, and it oxygenates the blood, relaxes the muscles and quiets the mind.

"Whenever I am really stressed out, I just take a couple of slow deep breaths and close my eyes for a few minutes, picture myself in a happy place," said Jillian Aramowicz, sophomore in journalism.

The benefits of exercise are obvious. Incorporate a structured routine of physical activity into a busy schedule to help get through a tough day. According to *About.com*, physical activity and stress management are closely linked. It provides a distraction and is a positive outlet for frustrations by releasing endorphins.

It might sound a little funky, but the physical benefits of sex are numerous, and sex is an exciting way to manage anxiety. Many people don't make time for sex when stress levels are higher.

"I have heard about the benefits of sex and stress relief, just as long as people practice safe sex so they don't have the added anxiety of catching an STD or something," Aramowicz said. "That extra bit of attention is probably a great pick-me-up for people because they can get some exercise and take out some of their frustrations all at the same time."

There are plenty of ways to manage the hassles and tension of college, but the easiest way to relax is just to smile and laugh.

"I love it when people do something random, like taking an informal road trip somewhere or listen to music," Harrison said. "Go somewhere new, try different things or just have a lazy afternoon sitting under a tree reading a book. It's a simple way to take the edge off things."

So the next time that huge project is due or you are contemplating the possibility of an all-nighter, remember you are not alone. Some other college kid is in the same situation. Take a deep breath and find some way to chill that works for you.



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‘Fame’ remake does not meet expectations

“Fame”
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Movie review by Patrick Bales

Despite everything that went wrong, let's get one thing out of the way: "Fame" is not a cheery musical. Without the music, this definitely would be classified as a drama.

The movie follows a group of 10 students who are a part of the New York City High School of Performing Arts. In the beginning, these students are brimming with anticipation and anxiety. They all have dreams of being the best and of moving on to bigger and better things. However, as the movie continues, a number of them are emotionally ripped to shreds by the pursuit of fame and, by the end of senior year, they all learn that being famous isn't what it's cracked up to be.

Instead of a cheery musical filled with upbeat numbers, the film makers created a character-driven show with a limited focus on songs and dance.

But herein lies the problem: the movie focuses on 10 characters and not one of them is even remotely interesting. They are all paper-thin characters with no complexity or depth. I felt like I was watching an after-school special.

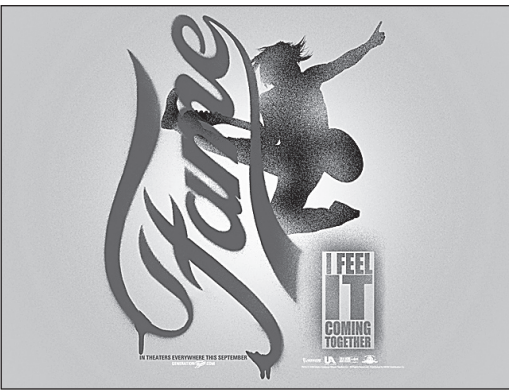
Charles S. Dutton plays "the teacher who asks insightful questions." Kelsey Grammer plays the "teacher who has a gift for seeing potential talent." Kay Panabaker plays the "talented student who struggles to break out

of her emotional shell." These characters and many others never get past their one-sentence summary.

If this were a musical in the vein of "Hair-spray," where the singing and dancing takes precedence, the lack of character development would be fine. But for a movie that focuses so much on the lives of these performers, movie execs have to give a reason to care for them, and "Fame" never does that.

"Fame" is also plagued by an incompetent director in Kevin Tancharoen, who makes his feature film debut. His previous work included directing music videos, which explains a lot about its style. Music videos are often short, with quick shots and stylized dance sequences, and this is exactly how "Fame" is shot. There are quick cuts, dialogue between characters never lasts more than a couple of minutes, and when the dance scenes finally come around, they are brought down by Tancharoen's compulsion to fill the screen with shots of people dancing around a room. The director's job in a musical is to film it in such a way that the choreography looks as upbeat and exciting as possible. Instead of making the dancers the stars, Tancharoen makes his camera shots the main attractions.

Lastly, the talent just isn't here. Sure, all of the cast involved can sing, dance and act, but none of them are better than the average college performer. When a major motion picture company advertises a movie about highly talented people, I expect to be entertained by a bunch of Broadway-level performers. I guess some could argue the makers wanted these actors to realistically por-



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tray high school students, but since the writers never do anything to make "real" high school students, perhaps the talent to make this an ear-popping musical just wasn't there.

As a whole, "Fame" is a dull mess. The characters are paper-thin, the direction is unfocused and jumpy and none of the songs are memorable. We only get to hear the original "Fame" song in the opening credits.

There's really no reason to see this movie. If you want to see great dancing, watch "So You Think You Can Dance," and if you want to view a character-driven musical, check out "Once." And finally, if you have to see a movie called "Fame," just watch the original 1980 version. It has to be better than this uninspired mess.

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education and multipurpose center at Sunset Zoo.

The .25 percent the sales tax increase includes .10 percent for the City Park swimming pool, .10 percent for Northview and CiCo swimming pools and .05 percent for the new educational center at Sunset Zoo.

Bernie Hayen, city director of finance, said the arrangements for the city pool project present the biggest challenge, as they include an Olympic-sized pool, children's pool and lazy river.

"But perhaps the most exciting thing is the addition of a new wave rider attraction," Hayen said. "It is a completely brand new thing to us, and they are quite rare in the mid-west. The wave rider is a pay-as-you-go ride that lets pool goers go surfing. I think it will be a nice and interesting addition to the pool and will make people want to come and try it out."

Hayen said the old pool was in serious need of help after being in service for 70 plus years. However, Hayen hopes the new pool will be ready for next summer.

"It really did pose a safety issue because some of the concrete could have broken off and created a suction which could potentially injure swimmers," Hayen said. "It was in bad shape, and unfortunately the pool had to be closed this summer in order to start the new construction."

According to Hayen, the

plans for restorations for the Northview and CiCo park pools will start sometime next spring or fall. However, they are only routine upgrades and services, and the pools will close again, but will be ready for the 2011 season.

As for the Sunset Zoo Project, the projected plans consist of adding a new multipurpose and educational building at the entrance of Sunset Zoo.

"The Sunset Zoo needs a new building to house different educational activities," Hayen said. "Construction will start in the spring, but it will add a more auditorium-like atmosphere to the zoo and will be open to the public. It lets the public interact more with the zoo by providing animal-holding and display facilities."

But the cost for the new quality of life projects around Manhattan is not small, totaling an estimated \$18.3 million, according to the city commission agenda.

Hayen said there is never a good time for a sales tax increase, but the patrons of Manhattan are gaining exciting new things in return.

"Obviously the public is concerned over the state of the economy, but these are quality of life issues that need to be addressed by the city," Hayen said. "The city has a long-standing tradition of maintaining its parks and pools for the residents of Manhattan. We really hope for the best, and we think that everyone will be pleased with the improvements as the years go on."

MAINTENANCE | Several buildings to be repaired

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gy-efficient because when leaky pipes get insulation wet, the insulation becomes less effective and causes the boilers to work harder to heat campus, Fattaey said.

Also running in the same tunnels that house the steam pipes are several telecommunications cables, cables for the campus fire alarm system and the cables controlling class bells.

FUTURE PROJECTS

The university is finishing up repairs to several rotted roofs on campus, including Seaton Court, where the roof was so decrepit that architecture students had to cover their laptops and drawing materials with plastic tarps as the ceiling began to leak.

Wendy Ornelas, associate dean of the College of Architecture, Planning and Design, said she is happy the roof has been repaired but that there is still more work to be done.

"We had to have interior gutting that caught the rain as it came in and went through plastic piping into a five-gallon bucket," she said. "It was really bad because students are in studio all the time."

Ornelas said the leaking roof also created a big mold problem. There are still classrooms that are unusable because the mold has made it unsafe.

Although some projects are in progress, altogether K-State faces more than \$1 billion worth of deferred maintenance projects, according to a conditions survey conducted by the university in 2007.

K-State, also the oldest pub-

The amount of state university maintenance funding (tax credits excluded) made available and the number of projects initiated in fiscal year 2008, the first year of the five-year maintenance plan, are as follows:

- **Emporia State University**
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- \$9,951,000 for 3 projects
- **University of Kansas Medical Center**
- \$3,634,500 for 9 projects
- **Wichita State University**
- \$4,254,000 for 13 projects

TOTAL: \$38,355,000 for 50 projects

-Kansas Board of Regents

state universities to address approximately 38 percent of the \$663 million maintenance backlog that currently exists among the 429 state-owned "mission critical" academic buildings on those campuses.

K-State originally asked for \$65 million of the five-year deferred maintenance funding from the Kansas Board of Regents, but was only allocated \$45 million in 2008.

That number has dropped to \$37 million after the tuition interest portion of the funding did not collect as projected, Fattaey said.

"The funding is only a trickle of what we need," he said.

For the 2008 fiscal year, K-State received about \$12 million for six deferred maintenance projects. The University of Kansas received the second largest amount for about \$10 million for three projects.

"Our main issue is our buildings at K-State are much older," Fattaey said.

The average age of facilities on campus is 65-70 years old and some of the facilities have not been repaired since they were built decades ago.

The projects on the university's five-year priority list include an upgrade to the almost 80-year-old campus-wide electrical system, renovations to the Academic & Academic Support Spaces in Old Memorial Stadium, repairing Leasure Hall's failing plaster walls, electrical wiring, plumbing and elevator.

"It is urgent that we take care of the deferred maintenance problem on campus so we can take care of university and our students," Fattaey said.

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New comedy night allows amateurs, pros to share material

By Hannah Loftus
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

“Standing room only” is the new motto on Tuesday nights at Pat’s Blue Rib’n Barbecue in Aggieville.

The bar played host to “Mr. Tom’s Comedy Cavalcade” Tuesday as part of a new promotion to get new comedians out and start a Manhattan comedy circle.

“This is the second time we have done this amateur comedy night, and so far we have received a great and impressive response,” said Tom Mahoney, the event’s coordinator. “We have a score of different comics that come and perform an informal stand-up routine.”

The comics faced a large crowd of about 60 to 70 people in the back room of Pat’s Blue Ribbon.

K-State’s “On the Spot” improv team and the guitar comedy of Brother-Jeb kicked off the evening of laughter. Between performances, local radio talents J-Rod and Scarface from KMKF-FM 101.5 served as the evening’s masters of ceremonies. Between sets, the personalities made commentary before introducing the next act.

“It is really a nice intimate setting, not too large and not too small,” Mahoney said. “We were really glad that Pat’s was willing to take this on.”

There was no shortage of laughs in the bar where comical acts including David Dooley, Mason Good-Turner and Cody Detriek all performed.

While the majority of the comedians were local, a few comics drove all the way from Kansas City, Mo., to perform for the crowd, including Andrew Tomb, former resident of Manhattan who closed the evening’s performance with a spectacular longer set.

“I am really fired up to do the last set,” Tomb said. “It meant a lot that Tom took the time to set up the comedy here. It’s a great way for people who can’t come to KC to come and see me.”

The Cavalcade is new to the Aggieville night scene, featuring local and amateur comedians from all over the Riley County area. There were over 12 comics performing comedy during the evening, Mahoney said.

“This is a really great opportunity for some of the local comics to come and perform,” Mahoney said. “It really is a showcase for local acts. There are not a whole lot of places that allow for this kind of thing, and we hope to get a great trend going.”

Mahoney said the comedians each receive a five to seven minute time slot to perform their



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1.) **Anthony Oliver**, comedian from Detroit gave a performance during the the Pat’s Blue Rib’n Barbecue comedy series held Tuesday from 9:00 p.m. - midnight.


2.) On The Spot, K-State’s improv troupe, opened the show with games and performances that featured members of the audience. “On the Spot” presented awkward situations in a comedic way.

3.) **Ben Windholz**, Manhattan resident, took a shot at telling jokes during comedy night held at Pat’s Blue Rib’n Barbecue.

material.

“You can be bad and get away with it here,” Mahoney said. “Either way you are sure to get a reaction when you perform here, although it could be good or bad.”

The next Cavaclade, hosted by Mary Shirk, is scheduled for Oct. 13 from 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$3.



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